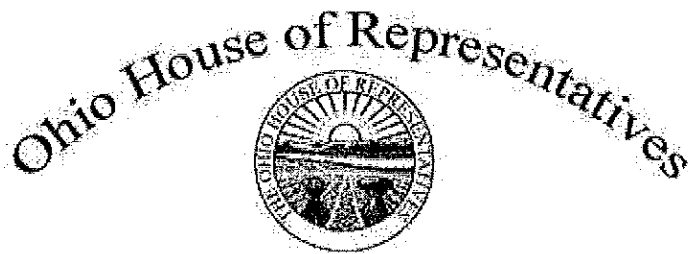


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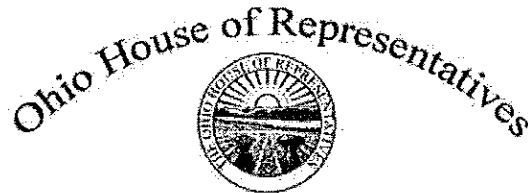
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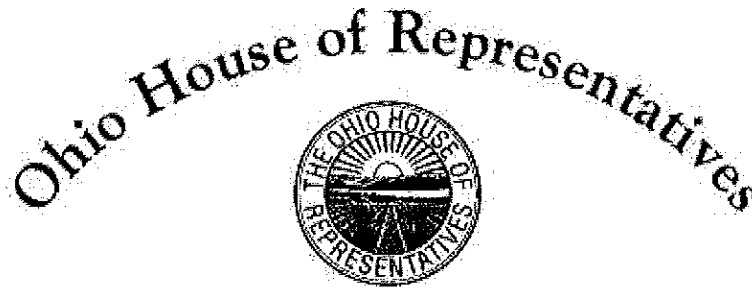
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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Baker, Dan; Snider, Grace
CC: Merrin, Derek
Subject: Amendment No. 2432 – Dental, Vision, Life Insurance for Exempt State Employees *HIGH PRIORITY*
Attachments: Amendment No. 2432 - 15% Premium for Dental, Vision, Life Insurance.pdf; Amendment No. 2432 - 15% Cover Letter.pdf



Representative Derek Merrin
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Representative Derek Merrin
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HC2432

Sub. H.B. 49
LSC 132 0001-3

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 9 of the title, after "124.384," insert "124.81,"	1
In line 246 of the title, after "117.115," insert "124.824,"	2
In line 486, after "124.384," insert "124.81,"	3
In line 641, after "117.115," insert "124.824,"	4
Between lines 7230 and 7231, insert:	5
"Sec. 124.81. (A) Except as provided in division (F) of this	6
section, the department of administrative services in consultation	7
with the superintendent of insurance shall negotiate with and, in	8
accordance with the competitive selection procedures of Chapter	9
125. of the Revised Code, contract with one or more insurance	10
companies authorized to do business in this state, for the	11
issuance of one of the following:	12
(1) A policy of group life insurance covering all state	13
employees who are paid directly by warrant of the state auditor,	14
including elected state officials;	15
(2) A combined policy, or coordinated policies of one or more	16
insurance companies or health insuring corporations in combination	17
with one or more insurance companies providing group life and	18
health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical insurance, or any	19
combination thereof, covering all such employees;	20

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(3) A policy that may include, but is not limited to, 21
hospitalization, surgical, major medical, dental, vision, and 22
medical care, disability, hearing aids, prescription drugs, group 23
life, life, sickness, and accident insurance, group legal 24
services, or a combination of the above benefits for some or all 25
of the employees paid in accordance with section 124.152 of the 26
Revised Code and for some or all of the employees listed in 27
divisions (B) (2) and (4) of section 124.14 of the Revised Code, 28
and their immediate dependents. 29

(B) The department of administrative services in consultation 30
with the superintendent of insurance shall negotiate with and, in 31
accordance with the competitive selection procedures of Chapter 32
125. of the Revised Code, contract with one or more insurance 33
companies authorized to do business in this state, for the 34
issuance of a policy of group life insurance covering all 35
municipal and county court judges. The amount of such coverage 36
shall be an amount equal to the aggregate salary set forth for 37
each municipal court judge in sections 141.04 and 1901.11 of the 38
Revised Code, and set forth for each county court judge in 39
sections 141.04 and 1907.16 of the Revised Code. 40

(C) ~~If~~ Notwithstanding section 124.824 of the Revised Code, 41
if a state employee uses all accumulated sick leave and then goes 42
on an extended medical disability, the policyholder shall continue 43
at no cost to the employee the coverage of the group life 44
insurance for such employee for the period of such extended leave, 45
but not beyond three years. 46

(D) If a state employee insured under a group life insurance 47
policy as provided in division (A) of this section is laid off 48
pursuant to section 124.32 of the Revised Code, such employee by 49
request to the policyholder, made no later than the effective date 50

of the layoff, may elect to continue the employee's group life insurance for the one-year period through which the employee may be considered to be on laid-off status by paying the policyholder through payroll deduction or otherwise twelve times the monthly premium computed at the existing average rate for the group life case for the amount of the employee's insurance thereunder at the time of the employee's layoff. The policyholder shall pay the premiums to the insurance company at the time of the next regular monthly premium payment for the actively insured employees and furnish the company appropriate data as to such laid-off employees. At the time an employee receives written notice of a layoff, the policyholder shall also give such employee written notice of the opportunity to continue group life insurance in accordance with this division. When such laid-off employee is reinstated for active work before the end of the one-year period, the employee shall be reclassified as insured again as an active employee under the group and appropriate refunds for the number of full months of unearned premium payment shall be made by the policyholder.

(E) This section does not affect the conversion rights of an insured employee when the employee's group insurance terminates under the policy.

(F) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the department may provide benefits equivalent to those that may be paid under a policy issued by an insurance company, or the department may, to comply with a collectively bargained contract, enter into an agreement with a jointly administered trust fund which receives contributions pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement entered into between this state, or any of its political subdivisions, and any collective bargaining representative of the employees of this state or any political subdivision for the

purpose of providing for self-insurance of all risk in the 82
provision of fringe benefits similar to those that may be paid 83
pursuant to division (A) of this section, and the jointly 84
administered trust fund may provide through the self-insurance 85
method specific fringe benefits as authorized by the rules of the 86
board of trustees of the jointly administered trust fund. Amounts 87
from the fund may be used to pay direct and indirect costs that 88
are attributable to consultants or a third-party administrator and 89
that are necessary to administer this section. Benefits provided 90
under this section include, but are not limited to, 91
hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, 92
dental care, vision care, medical care, hearing aids, prescription 93
drugs, group life insurance, sickness and accident insurance, 94
group legal services, or a combination of the above benefits, for 95
the employees and their immediate dependents. 96

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, 97
any public employer, including the state, and any of its political 98
subdivisions, including, but not limited to, any county, county 99
hospital, municipal corporation, township, park district, school 100
district, state institution of higher education, public or special 101
district, state agency, authority, commission, or board, or any 102
other branch of public employment, and any collective bargaining 103
representative of employees of the state or any political 104
subdivision may agree in a collective bargaining agreement that 105
any mutually agreed fringe benefit including, but not limited to, 106
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their dependents be provided through a mutually agreed upon 111
contribution to a jointly administered trust fund. Amounts from 112

the fund may be used to pay direct and indirect costs that are attributable to consultants or a third-party administrator and that are necessary to administer this section. The amount, type, and structure of fringe benefits provided under this division is subject to the determination of the board of trustees of the jointly administered trust fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, competitive bidding does not apply to the purchase of fringe benefits for employees under this division through a jointly administered trust fund."

Between lines 7284 and 7285, insert:

"Sec. 124.824. (A) An individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and who receives vision, dental, or life insurance contracted for or provided by the department of administrative services shall pay a percentage of the premium or percentage of the cost of coverage for any of those types of insurance that is equal to the percentage of the premium or percentage of the cost of coverage that the individual is required to pay for health insurance contracted for or provided by the department.

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commission shall seek to obtain a provision in the agreement that 142
requires an individual to pay a percentage of the premium or 143
percentage of the cost of coverage for vision, dental, or life 144
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to pay for health insurance contracted for or provided by the 147
department." 148

In line 102602, after "124.384," insert "124.81," 149

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Exempt employee insurance benefits 150

R.C. 124.81 and 124.824 151

Requires, with respect to insurance contracted for or 152
provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an 153
individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement 154
to pay the same percentage of the premium or cost for vision, 155
dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health 156
insurance. 157

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cost for vision, dental, or life insurance during an individual's 159
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office in accordance with Section 20, Article II of the Ohio 161
Constitution. 162

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Subject: Budget Amendments

Attachments: 132HB49-HC0825X3.pdf; 132HB49-HC2658X1.pdf; 132HB49-HC2401.pdf; 132HB49-HC2505.pdf; 132HB49- HC2432.pdf

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ANDY THOMPSON
State Representative

95th House District

To: Chairman Ryan Smith

CC: Dan Baker, Grace Snider

From: Representative Thompson

Date: April 28, 2017

Re: House Bill 49 Amendments

Dear Chairman Smith,

Please find listed my priority amendments for H.B. 49:

1. HC0825X3 - Ohio Department of Education - assistance provided to the Ohio FFA Association

Permits the Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Department of Education to serve as the chair of the board of trustees of the Ohio FFA Association. Permits the Supervisor to assist with the Association's programs and activities in a manner that enables the Association to maintain its state charter and to meet applicable requirements of the U.S. Department of Education and the National FFA Organization, and specifies that this assistance may include the provision of Department personnel, services, and facilities. Prohibits Department employees from receiving compensation from the Association, but permits the Department to be reimbursed by the Association for reasonable expenses related to assistance provided to the Association.

2. HC2658X1 -Aquatic invasive species policy

Requires the Chief of the Division of Wildlife to establish a policy, rather than rules, governing a risk assessment for aquatic species. Eliminates the requirement that the Chief adopt rules regarding both of the following:-- Procedures and requirements applicable to a person seeking to bring an aquatic species into the state; -- Any other requirements necessary to administer and enforce the bill's provisions regarding aquatic invasive species. Authorizes the Chief to adopt rules necessary to administer the bill's provisions governing aquatic invasive species.

3. HC2401 - Sales tax on hotel intermediaries

Removes a provision from the pending bill that does both of the following: (1) Specifies that, for the purposes of the sales tax on hotel lodging, the "price" on the basis of which a hotel intermediary must collect and remit the tax is the total amount paid by the customer for the hotel lodging, as advertised by the intermediary. (2) Absolves a hotel of liability for unpaid sales tax related to lodging arranged through a hotel intermediary. A hotel intermediary is a person, other than a hotel, a person paid a commission by the hotel (i.e., a travel agent), or a person that separately itemizes its service fee, that arranges for hotel lodging.

4. HC2505 - Medicaid eligibility expansion freeze

Prohibits the Medicaid program from newly enrolling individuals as part of the expansion eligibility group authorized by the Patient Protection and

Affordable Care Act. Permits an individual currently enrolled in Medicaid to remain enrolled until the earlier of (1) the date the individual ceases to be eligible and (2) the date (if any) that the enhanced federal match for the expansion eligibility group is reduced. Removes a provision requiring the Medicaid Director to establish a waiver component that includes additional Medicaid requirements that members of the expansion eligibility group must satisfy to be able to enroll in Medicaid.

5. HC2432 - Exempt employee insurance benefits

Requires, with respect to insurance contracted for or provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to pay the same percentage of the premium or cost for vision, dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health insurance.

HC0825X3

H.B. 49

As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

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In line 357, after "3302.03," insert "3303.20," 2

Between lines 25104 and 25105, insert: 3

"Sec. 3303.20. The superintendent of public instruction shall 4
appoint a supervisor of agricultural education within the 5
department of education. The supervisor shall be responsible for 6
administering and disseminating to school districts information 7
about agricultural education. The supervisor also may serve as the 8
chair of the board of trustees of the Ohio FFA association, and 9
may assist with the association's programs and activities in a 10
manner that enables the association to maintain its state charter 11
and to meet applicable requirements of the United States 12
department of education and the national FFA organization. This 13
assistance may include the provision of department personnel, 14
services, and facilities. 15

The department shall maintain an appropriate number of 16
full-time employees focusing on agricultural education. The 17
department shall employ at least three program consultants who 18
shall be available to provide assistance to school districts on a 19
regional basis throughout the state. At least one consultant may 20

coordinate local activities of the student organization known as 21
the future farmers of America. Department employees may not 22
receive compensation from the Ohio FFA association, but the 23
department may be reimbursed by the association for reasonable 24
expenses related to assistance provided under this section." 25

In line 92451, after "3302.03," insert "3303.20," 26

Between lines 106168 and 106169, insert: 27

"Section 733, ___. The General Assembly finds that the Ohio 28
FFA Association is an integral part of the organized instructional 29
programs in career-technical agricultural education that prepare 30
students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness, 31
and other agriculture-related occupations." 32

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Ohio Department of Education - assistance provided to the 33
Ohio FFA Association 34

R.C. 3303.20 35

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Department of Education to serve as the chair of the board of 37
trustees of the Ohio FFA Association. 38

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from the Association, but permits the Department to be reimbursed	46
by the Association for reasonable expenses related to assistance	47
provided to the Association.	48

HC2658X1

20 -- Procedures and requirements applicable to a person
21 seeking to bring an aquatic species into the state;

22 -- Any other requirements necessary to administer and
23 enforce the bill's provisions regarding aquatic invasive
24 species.

25 Authorizes the Chief to adopt rules necessary to administer
26 the bill's provisions governing aquatic invasive species.

HC2401

Sub. H.B. 49
LSC 132 0001-3

_____ moved to amend as follows:

- 1 In line 226 of the title, delete "5739.13,"
- 2 In line 227 of the title, delete "5741.13,"
- 3 In line 625, delete "5739.13,"
- 4 In line 626, delete "5741.13,"
- 5 In line 90891, delete ", including transactions conducted"
- 6 In line 90892, delete "through a hotel intermediary"
- 7 In line 91171, reinsert "and"; delete ", and (5)"
- 8 Delete lines 91265 through 91267
- 9 In line 91795, delete ""Hotel intermediary" means a person
- 10 that brokers,"
- 11 Delete lines 91796 through 91803
- 12 In line 91804, delete "given to the consumer" and insert
- 13 ""Municipal gas utility" means a municipal corporation that owns
- 14 or operates a system for the distribution of natural gas"
- 15 Strike through lines 92008 through 92010
- 16 Delete lines 95660 through 95779
- 17 Delete lines 96238 through 96263
- 18 In line 102741, delete "5739.13,"
- 19 In line 102742, delete "5741.13,"

HC2401

20 In line 137437, delete "5739.13," and insert "and"; delete
21 ", and 5741.13"

22 The motion was _____ agreed to.

23 SYNOPSIS

24 Sales tax on hotel intermediaries

25 R.C. 5739.01(B)(2), (H)(5), and (ZZ), 5739.13, and 5741.13;
26 Section 803.140

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28 the following:

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30 hotel lodging, the "price" on the basis of which a hotel
31 intermediary must collect and remit the tax is the total amount
32 paid by the customer for the hotel lodging, as advertised by the
33 intermediary.

34 (2) Absolves a hotel of liability for unpaid sales tax
35 related to lodging arranged through a hotel intermediary.

36 A hotel intermediary is a person, other than a hotel, a
37 person paid a commission by the hotel (i.e., a travel agent), or
38 a person that separately itemizes its service fee, that arranges
39 for hotel lodging.

HC2505

Sub. H.B. 49
LSC 132 0001-3

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 206 of the title, after "5162.70," insert "5163.01,"	1
In line 211 of the title, after "5166.40," insert "5166.405,"	2
In line 276 of the title, after "5162.65," insert "5163.15,"	3
In line 277 of the title, delete "5166.37,"	4
In line 611, after "5162.70," insert "5163.01,"	5
In line 614, after "5166.40," insert "5166.405,"	6
In line 658, after "5162.65," insert "5163.15,"	7
In line 659, delete "5166.37,"	8
Between lines 82949 and 82950, insert:	9
 "Sec. 5163.01. As used in this chapter:	10
 "Caretaker relative" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R.	11
435.4 as that regulation is amended effective January 1, 2014.	12
 <u>"Expansion eligibility group" means the medicaid eligibility</u>	13
<u>group described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the "Social</u>	14
<u>Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).</u>	15
 "Federal financial participation" has the same meaning as in	16
section 5160.01 of the Revised Code.	17
 <u>"Federal medical assistance percentage for the expansion</u>	18

eligibility group" means the amount of the federal government's 19
share of expenditures for medicaid services provided to newly 20
eligible medicaid recipients enrolled in the medicaid program on 21
the basis of being included in the expansion eligibility group, as 22
established by section 1905(y) of the "Social Security Act," 42 23
U.S.C. 1396d(y). 24

"Federal poverty line" has the same meaning as in section 25
5162.01 of the Revised Code. 26

"Healthy start component" has the same meaning as in section 27
5162.01 of the Revised Code. 28

"Home and community-based services medicaid waiver component" 29
has the same meaning as in section 5166.01 of the Revised Code. 30

"Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual 31
disabilities" and "ICF/IID" have the same meanings as in section 32
5124.01 of the Revised Code. 33

"Mandatory eligibility groups" means the groups of 34
individuals that must be covered by the medicaid state plan as a 35
condition of the state receiving federal financial participation 36
for the medicaid program. 37

"Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program" means 38
the component of the medicaid program established under sections 39
5163.09 to 5163.098 of the Revised Code. 40

"Medicaid services" has the same meaning as in section 41
5164.01 of the Revised Code. 42

"Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in 43
section 5166.01 of the Revised Code. 44

"Nursing facility" and "nursing facility services" have the 45
same meanings as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code. 46

"Optional eligibility groups" means the groups of individuals who may be covered by the medicaid state plan or a federal medicaid waiver and for whom the medicaid program receives federal financial participation.

"Other medicaid-funded long-term care services" has the meaning specified in rules adopted under section 5163.02 of the Revised Code.

"Supplemental security income program" means the program established by Title XVI of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq."

Between lines 82970 and 82971, insert:

"Sec. 5163.15. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the medicaid program shall not cover the expansion eligibility group.

(B) An individual enrolled on the effective date of this section in the medicaid program on the basis of being included in the expansion eligibility group may continue to be enrolled in the medicaid program until the earlier of the following:

(1) The date the individual ceases to meet the eligibility requirements for the medicaid program;

(2) If the federal medical assistance percentage for the expansion eligibility group is reduced on or after the effective date of this section, the date the reduction takes effect.

(C) This section does not preclude an individual who meets the requirements for the expansion eligibility group from enrolling, or continuing to be enrolled, in the medicaid program if the individual is eligible for medicaid on the basis of being included in another eligibility group the medicaid program

covers." 75

Delete lines 84561 through 84573 76

In line 84604, after "(6)" insert "Expansion eligibility 77
group" has the same meaning as in section 5163.01 of the Revised 78
Code. 79

(7)" 80

In line 84609, strike through "(7)" and insert "(8)" 81

In line 84612, strike through "(8)" and insert "(9)" 82

In line 84616, strike through "(9)" and insert "(10)" 83

In line 84619, strike through "(10)" and insert "(11)" 84

In line 84629, strike through "On" and insert "Subject to 85
section 5163.15 of the Revised Code, on"; after the second "the" 86
insert "expansion" 87

Strike through line 84630 88

In line 84631, strike through "Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 89
1396a(a) (10) (A) (i) (VIII)" 90

Between lines 84635 and 84636, insert: 91

"Sec. 5166.405. (A) A healthy Ohio program participant's 92
participation in the program shall cease if any of the following 93
applies: 94

(1) Unless the participant is pregnant, a monthly installment 95
payment to the participant's buckeye account is sixty days late. 96

(2) The participant fails to submit documentation needed for 97
a redetermination of the participant's eligibility for medicaid 98
before the sixty-first day after the documentation is requested. 99

(3) The participant becomes eligible for medicaid on a a basis 100

other than being included in the category identified by the
 department of medicaid as covered families and children or being
 included in the expansion eligibility group ~~described in section~~
~~1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C.~~
~~1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).~~

(4) The participant becomes a ward of the state.

(5) The participant ceases to be eligible for medicaid.

(6) The participant exhausts the annual or lifetime payout
 limit specified in division (D) of section 5166.401 of the Revised
 Code.

(7) The participant requests that the participant's
 participation be terminated.

(B) A healthy Ohio program participant who ceases to
 participate in the program under division (A) (1) or (2) of this
 section may not resume participation until the former participant
 pays the full amount of the monthly installment payment or submits
 the documentation needed for the former participant's medicaid
 eligibility redetermination. The former participant shall not be
 transferred to the fee-for-service component of medicaid or the
 care management system as a result of ceasing to participate in
 the healthy Ohio program under division (A) (1) or (2) of this
 section.

(C) Except as provided in section 5166.407 of the Revised
 Code, a healthy Ohio program participant who ceases to participate
 in the program shall be provided the contributions that are in the
 participant's buckeye account at the time the participant ceases
 participation."

In line 102727, after "5162.70," insert "5163.01,"

In line 102730, after "5166.40," insert "5166.405,"

In line 129235, delete "\$3,874,721,000 \$4,016,404,438" and	130
insert "\$3,873,984,992 \$4,015,531,416"	131
In line 129236, delete "\$10,010,292,761 \$10,184,685,134" and	132
insert "\$9,998,040,134 \$10,172,810,495"	133
In line 129237, delete "\$13,885,013,761 \$14,201,089,572" and	134
insert "\$13,872,025,126 \$14,188,341,911"	135
In line 129240, subtract \$736,008 from fiscal year 2018 and	136
\$873,022 from fiscal year 2019	137
In line 129241, subtract \$12,252,627 from fiscal year 2018	138
and \$11,874,639 from fiscal year 2019	139
In line 129242, subtract \$12,988,635 from fiscal year 2018	140
and \$12,747,661 from fiscal year 2019	141
In line 129246, delete "\$800,691,438 \$757,376,871" and insert	142
"\$800,356,913 \$756,936,078"	143
In line 129253, delete "\$789,421,685 \$887,734,374" and insert	144
"\$786,926,702 \$884,850,125"	145
In line 129255, subtract \$2,829,508 from fiscal year 2018 and	146
\$3,325,042 from fiscal year 2019	147
In line 129261, delete "\$6,213,919,469 \$6,338,785,019" and	148
insert "\$6,165,309,245 \$6,290,965,084"	149
In line 129265, subtract \$48,610,224 from fiscal year 2018	150
and \$47,819,935 from fiscal year 2019	151
In line 129266, subtract \$64,428,367 from fiscal year 2018	152
and \$63,892,638 from fiscal year 2019	153

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Medicaid eligibility expansion freeze	154
R.C. 5163.15 (primary), 5163.01, 5166.40, and 5166.405	155
Prohibits the Medicaid program from newly enrolling individuals as part of the expansion eligibility group authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	156 157 158
Permits an individual currently enrolled in Medicaid to remain enrolled until the earlier of (1) the date the individual ceases to be eligible and (2) the date (if any) that the enhanced federal match for the expansion eligibility group is reduced.	159 160 161 162
Removes a provision requiring the Medicaid Director to establish a waiver component that includes additional Medicaid requirements that members of the expansion eligibility group must satisfy to be able to enroll in Medicaid.	163 164 165 166
Department of Medicaid	167
Section 333.10	168
Decreases GRF appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, by \$12,988,635 (\$736,008 state share) in FY 2018 and \$12,747,661 (\$873,022 state share) in FY 2019.	169 170 171
Decreases dedicated purpose fund 5DL0 appropriation item 651639, Medicaid Services - Recoveries, by \$334,525 in FY 2018 and \$440,793 in FY 2019.	172 173 174
Decreases dedicated purpose fund 5TN0 appropriation item 651684, Medicaid Services - HIC Fee, by \$2,494,983 in FY 2018 and \$2,884,249 in FY 2019.	175 176 177
Decreases federal fund 3F00 appropriation item 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal, by \$48,610,224 in FY 2018 and	178 179

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\$47,819,935 in FY 2019.

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_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 9 of the title, after "124.384," insert "124.81,"	1
In line 246 of the title, after "117.115," insert "124.824,"	2
In line 486, after "124.384," insert "124.81,"	3
In line 641, after "117.115," insert "124.824,"	4
Between lines 7230 and 7231, insert:	5
"Sec. 124.81. (A) Except as provided in division (F) of this	6
section, the department of administrative services in consultation	7
with the superintendent of insurance shall negotiate with and, in	8
accordance with the competitive selection procedures of Chapter	9
125. of the Revised Code, contract with one or more insurance	10
companies authorized to do business in this state, for the	11
issuance of one of the following:	12
(1) A policy of group life insurance covering all state	13
employees who are paid directly by warrant of the state auditor,	14
including elected state officials;	15
(2) A combined policy, or coordinated policies of one or more	16
insurance companies or health insuring corporations in combination	17
with one or more insurance companies providing group life and	18
health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical insurance, or any	19
combination thereof, covering all such employees;	20

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(3) A policy that may include, but is not limited to, 21
hospitalization, surgical, major medical, dental, vision, and 22
medical care, disability, hearing aids, prescription drugs, group 23
life, life, sickness, and accident insurance, group legal 24
services, or a combination of the above benefits for some or all 25
of the employees paid in accordance with section 124.152 of the 26
Revised Code and for some or all of the employees listed in 27
divisions (B) (2) and (4) of section 124.14 of the Revised Code, 28
and their immediate dependents. 29

(B) The department of administrative services in consultation 30
with the superintendent of insurance shall negotiate with and, in 31
accordance with the competitive selection procedures of Chapter 32
125. of the Revised Code, contract with one or more insurance 33
companies authorized to do business in this state, for the 34
issuance of a policy of group life insurance covering all 35
municipal and county court judges. The amount of such coverage 36
shall be an amount equal to the aggregate salary set forth for 37
each municipal court judge in sections 141.04 and 1901.11 of the 38
Revised Code, and set forth for each county court judge in 39
sections 141.04 and 1907.16 of the Revised Code. 40

(C) ~~If~~ Notwithstanding section 124.824 of the Revised Code, 41
if a state employee uses all accumulated sick leave and then goes 42
on an extended medical disability, the policyholder shall continue 43
at no cost to the employee the coverage of the group life 44
insurance for such employee for the period of such extended leave, 45
but not beyond three years. 46

(D) If a state employee insured under a group life insurance 47
policy as provided in division (A) of this section is laid off 48
pursuant to section 124.32 of the Revised Code, such employee by 49
request to the policyholder, made no later than the effective date 50

of the layoff, may elect to continue the employee's group life insurance for the one-year period through which the employee may be considered to be on laid-off status by paying the policyholder through payroll deduction or otherwise twelve times the monthly premium computed at the existing average rate for the group life case for the amount of the employee's insurance thereunder at the time of the employee's layoff. The policyholder shall pay the premiums to the insurance company at the time of the next regular monthly premium payment for the actively insured employees and furnish the company appropriate data as to such laid-off employees. At the time an employee receives written notice of a layoff, the policyholder shall also give such employee written notice of the opportunity to continue group life insurance in accordance with this division. When such laid-off employee is reinstated for active work before the end of the one-year period, the employee shall be reclassified as insured again as an active employee under the group and appropriate refunds for the number of full months of unearned premium payment shall be made by the policyholder.

(E) This section does not affect the conversion rights of an insured employee when the employee's group insurance terminates under the policy.

(F) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the department may provide benefits equivalent to those that may be paid under a policy issued by an insurance company, or the department may, to comply with a collectively bargained contract, enter into an agreement with a jointly administered trust fund which receives contributions pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement entered into between this state, or any of its political subdivisions, and any collective bargaining representative of the employees of this state or any political subdivision for the

purpose of providing for self-insurance of all risk in the 82
provision of fringe benefits similar to those that may be paid 83
pursuant to division (A) of this section, and the jointly 84
administered trust fund may provide through the self-insurance 85
method specific fringe benefits as authorized by the rules of the 86
board of trustees of the jointly administered trust fund. Amounts 87
from the fund may be used to pay direct and indirect costs that 88
are attributable to consultants or a third-party administrator and 89
that are necessary to administer this section. Benefits provided 90
under this section include, but are not limited to, 91
hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, 92
dental care, vision care, medical care, hearing aids, prescription 93
drugs, group life insurance, sickness and accident insurance, 94
group legal services, or a combination of the above benefits, for 95
the employees and their immediate dependents. 96

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, 97
any public employer, including the state, and any of its political 98
subdivisions, including, but not limited to, any county, county 99
hospital, municipal corporation, township, park district, school 100
district, state institution of higher education, public or special 101
district, state agency, authority, commission, or board, or any 102
other branch of public employment, and any collective bargaining 103
representative of employees of the state or any political 104
subdivision may agree in a collective bargaining agreement that 105
any mutually agreed fringe benefit including, but not limited to, 106
hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, 107
dental care, vision care, medical care, hearing aids, prescription 108
drugs, group life insurance, sickness and accident insurance, 109
group legal services, or a combination thereof, for employees and 110
their dependents be provided through a mutually agreed upon 111
contribution to a jointly administered trust fund. Amounts from 112

the fund may be used to pay direct and indirect costs that are
attributable to consultants or a third-party administrator and
that are necessary to administer this section. The amount, type,
and structure of fringe benefits provided under this division is
subject to the determination of the board of trustees of the
jointly administered trust fund. Notwithstanding any other
provision of the Revised Code, competitive bidding does not apply
to the purchase of fringe benefits for employees under this
division through a jointly administered trust fund."

Between lines 7284 and 7285, insert:

"Sec. 124.824. (A) An individual who is not covered by a
collective bargaining agreement and who receives vision, dental,
or life insurance contracted for or provided by the department of
administrative services shall pay a percentage of the premium or
percentage of the cost of coverage for any of those types of
insurance that is equal to the percentage of the premium or
percentage of the cost of coverage that the individual is required
to pay for health insurance contracted for or provided by the
department.

(B) Pursuant to Section 20 of Article II, Ohio Constitution,
if a change in the percentage of the premium or percentage of the
cost of coverage for vision, dental, or life insurance under
division (A) of this section occurs during an individual's term of
office, that change does not apply to the individual until the
individual's next term of office that begins after the date the
change occurs.

(C) In negotiating a collective bargaining agreement under
Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the entity or individual who
negotiates on behalf of a state agency, department, board, or

commission shall seek to obtain a provision in the agreement that
requires an individual to pay a percentage of the premium or
percentage of the cost of coverage for vision, dental, or life
insurance that is equal to the percentage of the premium or
percentage of the cost of coverage that the individual is required
to pay for health insurance contracted for or provided by the
department."

In line 102602, after "124.384," insert "124.81,"

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Exempt employee insurance benefits 150

R.C. 124.81 and 124.824 151

Requires, with respect to insurance contracted for or
provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an
individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement
to pay the same percentage of the premium or cost for vision,
dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health
insurance.

Specifies that any change in the percentage of premium or
cost for vision, dental, or life insurance during an individual's
term of office does not apply until the individual's next term of
office in accordance with Section 20, Article II of the Ohio
Constitution.

Requires, in negotiating a collective bargaining agreement
under Ohio's Public Employee Collective Bargaining Law, an entity
or individual who negotiates on behalf of a state agency,

department, board, or commission to seek to obtain a provision in	166
the agreement that requires an individual to pay the same	167
percentage of the premium or cost for vision, dental, or life	168
insurance as the individual pays for health insurance.	169

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JUDGE ORDERS CHANGES IN EARLY RELEASE POLICIES AFTER FATAL

KIRKERSVILLE SHOOTING

The judge who granted early release from jail to the gunman who killed his ex-girlfriend, her co-worker and the Kirkersville police chief last week has identified problems with the release and supervision of Thomas Hartless and outlined steps being taken to address how offenders on probation for domestic violence are supervised in the future.

BUDGET CUTS COULD PUT MORE NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS BACK IN PRISON

For years, Ohio has tried to get non-violent offenders out of their expensive prison cells and into a network of community corrections facilities.

COLUMBUS POLICE HONOR FALLEN COLLEAGUES AT ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the day a cadet graduates from the Columbus Police Academy and becomes a police officer, he or she receives a badge.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: SENATE LOOKING BEYOND \$800 MILLION BUDGET HOLE

Senate President Larry Obhof said his chamber has the \$800 million hole in mind as it crafts the new two-year budget, but members are anticipating that figure could go higher when new, official tax revenue estimates come in June.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: OHIO LAWMAKERS REINTRODUCE BILL AIMED AT TREATING BABIES BORN ADDICTED

Ohio's two senators are introducing a bill aimed at helping newborns born addicted recover in a supportive setting.

OHIO REP DOESN'T WANT 'ILLEGAL ALIENS...SUCKING ON OUR WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM'

A House Republican proposal to block undocumented workers who get hurt on the job from accessing workers' compensation benefits sparked a passionate Ohio House debate Wednesday.

EDITORIAL: CITY ROLLS OUT WELCOME MAT

The Democrats — and all of them are Democrats — on Columbus City Council want the city's 850,000-plus residents — all of whom are not Democrats — to know where their values stand. So they're putting their beliefs about not targeting illegal immigrants into law, or as they put it "concrete."

Dayton Daily News

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LOCALLY SHOT REDFORD MOVIE COULD COST OHIO COFFERS MORE THAN \$3M

Robert Redford's film about a bank heist partially shot in Dayton could cost the state of Ohio nearly \$3.4 million in tax write-offs and payouts, according to state records.

IN WSU'S FAST CHANGING BUDGET CRISIS, CLEARER DETAILS COULD COME TODAY

Most faculty and staff at Wright State University aren't sure what to expect today when the school's leaders consider some of the largest job and operational cuts in the university's history, a faculty leader said.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO DEMOCRATS RESPOND TO DONALD TRUMP'S NAFTA NOTICE: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Ohio legislators react to Trump's NAFTA notice. Dennis Kucinich sounds off on the "deep state." And a potential Democratic candidate for governor apparently takes himself out of the running.

OHIOANS IN CONGRESS PUSH TO EXPAND TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION

Following up on attempts to get Medicaid to ease rules that limit access to drug addiction treatment, Ohio U.S. Sens. Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown today introduced a bill that could force the government's hand.

OHIO BILL WOULD DECRIMINALIZE CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN SCHOOLS, OTHER GUN-FREE ZONES

Concealed handgun permit holders caught carrying on school grounds and other gun-free sites would no longer be subject to prison time under a bill introduced in the Ohio House.

5 WAYS FEDERAL SPENDING WOULD PLAY INTO SPLITTING OHIO: WESTERN RESERVE -- THE 51ST STATE?

Federal money - billions of dollars, sent to Ohio every year -- follows people, not states. If you get a farm subsidy or have a contract to supply Uncle Sam with jet engines, it should make no difference whether you live in Western Reserve or Leftover Ohio.

BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND: COMPARE THE CITIES AND THEIR SPORTS HISTORIES

Boston and Cleveland - equal in the number of NBA championships each city has won over the last 30 years - are different in so many ways in sports and otherwise.

CLOSE LOOPHOLE THAT PERMITS ANTI-LGBT DISCRIMINATION IN OHIO:

EDITORIAL

Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court, gay Ohioans may marry, but a gap in Ohio law permits discrimination - in jobs, housing and public accommodation - based on someone's sexuality. That's wrong.

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TPS APPROVES TEACHERS CONTRACT

The Toledo Board of Education approved a teachers union contract that will cost the district roughly \$12 million in additional compensation over the pact's three-year life — raises aimed at recruiting and retaining “rock stars.”

FIRSTENERGY STILL WANTS AID; OHIO HOUSE HALTS HEARINGS

FirstEnergy's president on Thursday sought to keep legislation on track in the Senate to authorize up to \$300 million a year in customer subsidies for its two struggling nuclear power plants even as the House has halted hearings.

PERRY'S MEMORIAL DAMAGED BY VANDALS

The historic Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial at Put-in-Bay was vandalized recently, and investigators are asking the public for information leading to those responsible.

EDITORIAL: FAIR APPEALS FOR FAIR TAXES

Some Sylvania property owners, who approved a 5.7-mill levy last November, are not happy to find that their school district is appealing the assessment value of their homes. They have a point — but it is more about a fair process than valuation.

THE ENQUIRER

MAYOR CRANLEY'S OFFICE INADVERTENTLY HONORS KILLER OF OFFICER SONNY KIM

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley on Thursday night emotionally apologized to the police union after the city “mistakenly” issued a proclamation in honor of a man who killed Officer Sonny Kim nearly two years ago.

CINCINNATI MAYOR MESSED UP BIG TIME, SOCIAL MEDIA SAYS

To put it gently, it was a rough night for Mayor John Cranley after his office mistakenly issued a proclamation during National Police Week honoring the man who shot and killed Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim. Cranley tearfully apologized, but the internet smelled blood in the water.

ONE TEACHER. MANY INVESTIGATIONS. NO CHARGES.

It was early 2016, and Goshen High School Principal Nick Inabnitt sent that one-sentence email to his boss. Earlier that morning, Inabnitt had gotten a message from a special agent who was investigating a Goshen teacher.

From: Springhetti, Blake
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 1:29 PM
To: House All
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees
Attachments: Co-Sponsor Request - Reducing Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees.pdf



Representative Derek Merrin
47th District

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Derek Merrin
DATE: June 2, 2017
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees

I will soon introduce legislation to align public employees' sick day allotment with the standard allotment for state public employees.

State employees receive 10 sick days per year, while many local government employees receive an excessive 15 sick days per year (3 weeks). This legislation makes 10 sick days per year the standard across the board - impacting county, municipal, civil service township, school district, and university employees. This will help create fairness between state and local government employees. The bill contains a provision that restricts collective bargaining agreements from requiring local governments to provide more than the state mandated number of 10 sick days annually.

By forcing local governments/taxpayers to provide an excessive number of sick days, the state is driving-up local governments' costs. You will be hard pressed to find any private-

sector business that provides 15 sick days annually. Also, government employees receive additional, generous amounts of personal days and vacation leave. The legislature created this excessive mandate and it is time for us to fix it. Please join with me to support a reasonable standard and provide relief to our local governments.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact my Legislative Aide, Blake Springhetti, at Blake.Springhetti@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 466-1731 by **Tuesday, June 13**.

Sincerely,
Derek Merrin



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Subject: EXTENDED: Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees
Attachments: Co-Sponsor Request - Reducing Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees.pdf

The deadline to co-sponsor has been extended to **Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm!**



Representative Derek Merrin
47th District

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Derek Merrin
DATE: June 13, 2017
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local government employees. The bill contains a provision that restricts collective bargaining agreements from requiring local governments to provide more than the state mandated number of 10 sick days annually.

By forcing local governments/taxpayers to provide an excessive number of sick days, the state is driving-up local governments' costs. You will be hard pressed to find any private-sector business that provides 15 sick days annually. Also, government employees receive additional, generous amounts of personal days and vacation leave. The legislature created this excessive mandate and it is time for us to fix it. Please join with me to support a reasonable standard and provide relief to our local governments.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact my Legislative Aide, Blake Springhetti, at Blake.Springhetti@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 466-1731 by **Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm.**

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From: Rep93
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Snider, Grace
Subject: FW: Lawmaker Letter from Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage--budget, premiums
Attachments: Lawmaker Letter re cost-sharing for Medicaid Jun 16 2017-final.docx

From: Kathleen Gmeiner [mailto:kgmeiner@uhcanohio.org]
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To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>
Cc: Darold Johnson <djohnson@oft-aft.org>
Subject: Lawmaker Letter from Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage--budget, premiums

Dear Representative Smith:

Attached is the most recent lawmaker letter from Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage with information on premiums for those on Medicaid and other state experience.

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Medicaid Premiums Likely to Result in Loss of Coverage

Under the Senate Substitute for HB 49 several hundred thousand Medicaid enrollees will be required to pay a monthly fee to maintain their Medicaid benefits, as part of the Personal Responsibility Initiative, if approved by the Secretary of the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

Recent data from the State of Indiana's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), which requires monthly payments, suggests that a monthly fee does act as a barrier to eligible individuals from maintaining their Medicaid coverage. Indiana initiated its HIP as a two-tiered system where individuals who paid a premium could secure a more comprehensive benefit package, while others were covered with a basic plan and no premium. The Lewin Group study reflects HIP data for the period February 1, 2015 through December 1, 2016 and was submitted a report on March 31, 2017. <http://bit.ly/2pxdnf8>

According to the Lewin Group's study, 57,189 unique Indiana Medicaid members disenrolled or were not enrolled due to non-payment of their monthly premium, representing 29 percent of individuals who could be disenrolled or not enrolled due to non-payment during the timeframe. What is equally or more troubling is that during the study period there were 590,315 individuals eligible for the Healthy Indiana Medicaid program (HIP) who were ever eligible to make a payment into their "Power" account (PAC). Of that group 55% failed to make the initial premium payment, or missed a premium payment. The rate of non-payment was higher among individuals with incomes at or below 100% of the FPL

Sixty-one percent of those who left Indiana's program after not paying stated that an inability to afford coverage, or the confusion about payment processes, resulted in their non-payment. For those who never initially enrolled in the program due to non-payments, 44% cited affordability or process confusion as a detriment to accessing Medicaid coverage. Clearly, the premium requirement influenced Medicaid enrollees' ability to access care in Indiana. Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage encourages lawmakers to consider the downstream impacts associated with at-risk populations not receiving necessary medical care.

Researchers have also analyzed other state attempts to implement Medicaid premiums. Oregon expanded Medicaid through a Section 1115 Waiver in December 1995 and required premiums from eligible populations. Researchers found that the likelihood of an eligible individual to re-apply for Medicaid after losing coverage fell by around 40% after premium requirements went into effect. Other researchers who analyzed past plans in Minnesota, Hawaii, and Washington found that an increase in out-of-pocket premiums resulted in a decrease in eligible population participation.

In summary, we urge lawmakers to consider the coverage impact associated with Medicaid premium requirements. Past research and current analyses highlight the loss of coverage resulting from Medicaid premium requirements.

From: Ohio House Republican Communications.

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:53 PM

Subject: GOP Week in Review 6/12/17 – 6/18/17



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Majority Communications Department

GOP Week in Review

6/12/17 – 6/18/17

Columbus Dispatch: The Daily Briefing: Ohio Senate president talks insurance mandates at White House

He was joined by Sen. Steve Wilson, R-Maineville, Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Mansfield, and Rea Hederman Jr. of the Buckeye Institute.

Cincinnati Business Courier: Ohio dogs soon may get their day on restaurant patios

"I'm a huge animal advocate. There's a number of other states and municipalities that allow it. It's all over Europe," Lanese told me on Tuesday. "Why not allow restaurants to make the decision for themselves? They know their customers best."

Columbus Underground: New bill would allow dogs on restaurant patios

"This legislation gives businesses the freedom to decide for themselves whether or not to allow dogs on their patios," said State Representative Laura Lanese (R-Grove City), who sponsored the bill. "It is also a recognition of the importance of animals in our lives. We already have pet-friendly hotels, pet-friendly parks, and pet-friendly events. It's a good opportunity for marketing our state as pet-friendly for tourism purposes as many travelers want to bring their pets along with them while they travel."

WSYX: Lawmakers looking to allow dogs to dine at restaurants

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Laura Lanese (R - Grove City) said she started working on the bill after hearing from several restaurant owners who had only recently learned they couldn't have dogs on the patio. She said she understands some people won't want to eat with dogs around.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Ohio budget bill would expand wrongful conviction payouts

Rep. Bill Seitz, the Cincinnati Republican who sponsored the 2003 bill, said the court got it wrong. The legislature always intended procedural errors, regardless of when they occurred in the case, to make someone eligible for compensation.

WDTN: Ohio congressman hailed a hero for helping Scalise after Virginia shooting
"We're at a time in our country," Rep. Niraj Antani said. "Where we all just need to take a step back."

Youngstown Vindicator: As senior population grows, so, too, must commitment to elder-abuse prevention

Three months ago, State Rep. Wes Retherford, R-Hamilton, introduced House Bill 78, popularly known as the Elder Justice Act. It includes reforms to laws governing procedures of the JFS and Adult Protective Services in all 88 counties to better protect seniors from mistreatment.

The Daily Reporter: Lawmaker seeks tax credit to boost local voting

Rep. Steve Hambley, R-Brunswick, sponsor of House Bill 185, cited Ohio's non-presidential election turnout — 40.37 percent — as justification for his bill.

Perry Tribune: Representatives introduce legislation on right to carry for off-duty officers

State Representatives Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) have introduced legislation to protect the right of off-duty peace officers to carry a concealed weapon.

Dayton Daily News: Backers want Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame at future monument site

State Rep. Rick Perales, R-Beavercreek, has introduced a bill establishing a nine-member board to oversee the Hall of Fame and a 2022 deadline for construction.

Daily Advocate: Guest column from Rep. Keith Faber: Old Glory withstands the changes of time

As public servants of this great nation, our loyalty to "Old Glory" is of the utmost importance; we must uphold the values it represents.

Richland Source: Guest column from Rep. Mark Romanchuk: Remembering the significance of the flag

To many, the American flag is the ultimate symbol of the values that our nation was built on—democracy, equality, freedom, and more. Every day, it flies above us, standing strong in the face of the adversities our nation encounters.

Times Reporter: Guest column from Rep. Al Landis: Legislation strengthens our families and communities

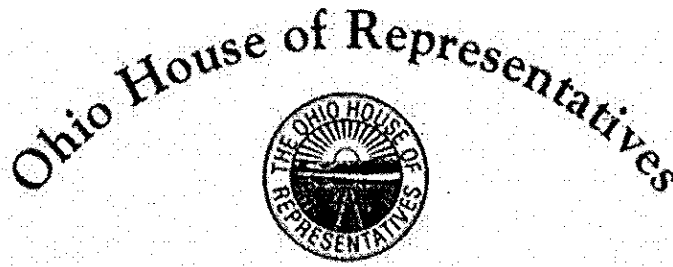
An important part of the success of the House Republican Caucus is to have a focused, member-driven policy platform that serves as the guiding principle behind priority

legislation. Earlier this year, our caucus unveiled the Buckeye Pathway, our policy agenda for the 132nd General Assembly.

News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Rosenberger: Wilmington's indeed split-tacular

A banana divided in two, topped with three scoops of ice cream, and finished with chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and a cherry. What could possibly be more delicious on a hot summer day? To us in Wilmington, what makes the banana split so special is that it was originally created right here in 1907.

From: Rep87
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:35 PM
To: GOP_All
Subject: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information
Attachments: Freeze Brief.pdf; We The People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll.pdf



Memorandum

To: House Republican Caucus
From: Representative Wes Goodman
Date: June 30th, 2017
Re: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information

I would first of all like to everyone who has offered their support to the Medicaid expansion enrollment freeze. As I said on this House floor, this is the most impactful action taken by any state to roll back and stop the Affordable Care Act, fulfilling promises we have all made to ensure a higher quality of care for all Ohioans. I thank you for your courage in joining me in the fight to ensure that our citizens are free to make their own healthcare choices, and that our Medicaid program is refocused on serving the truly vulnerable.

By now I am sure you have heard from detractors claiming that the freeze is not in the best interest of Ohioans. I encourage you to take a look at the following resources that support our decision and make clear that an expansion freeze is sound public policy.

- Attached: *Freeze Brief*, provides a general outline and talking points on the expansion freeze.
- Attached: *We the People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll*. This poll was taken yesterday, June 29th, and shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans and 81% of

all Republicans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the expansion freeze.

- Articles by Buckeye Institute Executive Vice President Rea Hederman Jr, published in The Hill
 - Highlighting issues with the sustainability and level of care provided by Medicaid: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/336600-medicare-doesnt-work-people-who-are-on-it-dont-have-better>
 - Highlighting and analyzing Ohio's role in "blazing the trail" on Medicaid reform: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/339889-ohio-is-blazing-the-trail-on-healthcare-reform>
- National Review article analyzing the fallaciousness of the bombastic claim, "people will die!":
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/448952/obamacare-repeal-will-not-kill-thousands>
 - Note that this article is focuses on the claims being made about the Federal healthcare plans. This claim is even more detached from reality when used to decry our expansion freeze, which allows those currently covered to maintain coverage as long as they are eligible.
- Article by Foundation for Government Accountability VP of Research Jonathan Ingram, explaining how the expansion has drawn funding away from the truly vulnerable: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/320620-freezing-obamacare-expansion-will-save-taxpayers-and-the-truly>
- Article by Foundation for Government Accountability Senior Fellow Sam Adolphsen, presenting evidence that the expansion may actually exacerbate the opioid crisis: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/state-local-politics/339892-want-to-end-the-opioid-epidemic-start-by-freezing>
- Poll from the Foundation for Government Accountability, showing that voters support freezing the Medicaid expansion: <https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/National-MedEx-Freeze-Poll-1-23-17.pdf>
- An op-ed that I recently penned that was published by the Daily Signal: <http://dailysignal.com/2017/06/30/ohio-already-rolling-back-parts-obamacare-states-can/>

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to joining you next week to override the Governor's veto, if need be.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance to you. My cell phone is (419) 210-0800 and I am available for questions anytime.

Sincerely,

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Medicaid Expansion Freeze Brief

What the Freeze Does

- Prohibits the Medicaid program from covering the Group VIII (expansion) population beginning on July 1, 2018.
- Exempts those with diagnosed mental illnesses or drug addiction, allowing them to enroll after the freeze date.
- Allows those expansion enrollees enrolled by July 1, 2018 to maintain their coverage until they become ineligible or the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for the Group VIII population is reduced by federal legislation.

Freezing expansion protects the truly needy

- Ohio's Medicaid waiting list enrollment sits at nearly 60,000. These are Ohioans with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities who aren't getting the care they need.
- Meanwhile, Ohio is spending billions on welfare for able-bodied (mostly childless) adults.
- Every penny spent on these adults is a penny that can't go to help Ohio's truly vulnerable.
- An enrollment freeze would immediately begin to make the truly needy a priority once again by moving able-bodied adults back to independence and freeing up limited resources for the vulnerable.

Freezing expansion protects taxpayers

- Ohio's Medicaid expansion has been overbudget since Day One.
- From January 2014 through March 2017, total expansion costs ran \$6.1 billion higher than originally projected in 2013 – an overrun of 94 percent. By the end of the year, that overrun will total a whopping \$8.3 billion.
- State taxpayers are now on the hook for 5% of these costs, with that share growing to 10% by 2020. Although the state has only been paying a share of the cost for a few months, the state's share has already run \$38 million over projections – an overrun of 125 percent. That overrun is projected to increase to \$145 million by the end of the year.
- Congress is poised to repeal the enhanced funding for expansion altogether. The House version of the American Healthcare Act (AHCA) would eliminate enhanced funding for new enrollees after 2020. The Senate version eliminates enhanced funding through a 3-year phase out, beginning in 2021.
- An enrollment freeze would stop the bleeding immediately, reducing costs and giving taxpayers much-needed relief. Based on the experiences in other states, freezing expansion enrollment at the end of the fiscal year will save between \$4.2 billion and \$5.5 billion over the next biennium. The state share of those savings would total between \$243 million and \$315 million.

Freezing expansion protects enrollees

- An enrollment freeze would allow current enrollees to stay on the program as long as they remain eligible.
- This avoids disruption for enrollees, allowing them to maintain enrollment until their situation improves enough that they can obtain insurance through the individual market or an employer.

Freezing expansion is politically popular

- A national 2017 poll found that voters support freezing Medicaid expansion enrollment by nearly two-to-one margins (53% to 33%).

Freezing expansion is practical and possible

- Other states have used enrollment freezes to unwind pre-ObamaCare expansions to childless adults and to unwind S-CHIP expansions.
- Freezes were previously approved by President Bush and President Obama.
- CMS can grant a waiver to allow states to freeze enrollment.
- CMS is set to release new guidance that will provide state options to freeze enrollment and reduce eligibility levels in the expansion.

Freezing expansion would have no effect on the drug addicted and mentally ill

- Mental health and addiction services accounted for only 5.62% of total expansion spending in 2016.
- Conference committee's version of the budget exempts individuals with mental health and drug addictions from the freeze, allowing them to enroll or reenroll past the freeze date of July 1, 2018.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 29, 2017

POLL SHOWS OHIOANS – ESPECIALLY REPUBLICANS – DEMAND MEDICAID EXPANSION FREEZE

Akron, OH – Tom Zawistowski, President of the We the People Convention announced the results of a statewide Ohio poll tonight concerning the Medicaid Expansion Freeze that was included in the Budget just passed on Wednesday by the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. Contrary to polls put out by medical groups and others who benefit financially from Medicaid Expansion, the We the People Convention Poll shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze in the budget, which does not cut anyone's Medicaid benefits, but simply stops growing the program that is already \$7 Billion over budget. Furthermore, the survey showed that if Governor Kasich does line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze, a plurality of all Ohioans, 51.7% to 49.3%, said that they would want the Ohio House and Ohio Senate to reconvene next week and override the Governor's veto.

Since the state is controlled by Republicans and the Budget was pass with only Republican votes, all of them from Governor Kasich, to Speaker Rosenberger and Senate President Obhof, and every Republican in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, will get a very strong message from the poll results from their Republican voters. A total of 81% of Republican voters do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze. Then an equally strong 68.5% of Republican voters want Republicans in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate to Override the Governor's Veto if required.

Commenting on the poll, Zawistowski said, "Ohioans understand that Governor Kasich's Medicaid Expansion is simply unsustainable. We credit the Republican members of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and their leadership, for recognizing that someone has to stop Kasich before he bankrupts Ohio. While we in the TEA Party/Liberty movement believe that Medicaid Expansion should be ended – its not Medicaid it is welfare expansion – we were convinced that a first step of just stopping the growth of the program, without cutting anyone's benefits, was a "caring way" to take a first step as our Governor likes to say. We fully expect him to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze because John Kasich sees no reason to ever stop giving other people's money away while pretending he cares so much about people – but never mentioning the tax payers who pay for all his misguided spending. Therefore, we also fully expect, and all Republicans should expect, all 59 House Members who voted for the budget with the Freeze in it on Wednesday, and ALL 7 members who did not vote for the budget, to join all 23 members of the Senate next Thursday, July 6th and impose some financial sanity on the Governor by overriding his veto and representing their constituents – particularly the tax payers in their districts who are paying the bill for this irresponsible and unnecessary spending."

This Ohio poll was conducted for the We the People Convention, Inc. by TRZ Communications Services, Inc. of Akron, Ohio which was the polling company that first predicted the Trump Ohio landslide victory in last year's Presidential election. This automated poll was conducted on Thursday, June 29, 2017 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The poll was designed to gather public opinion on the issue of Freezing Medicaid Expansion in Ohio. Calls were placed to 45,105 randomly selected voters from our data base of 4.5 million current land line phone numbers in Ohio. Of the 9,901 who answered our call, 625 respondents completed our automated poll, a 6.3% response rate. The poll has a margin of error of $\pm 4.0\%$ at the 95% confidence level. Demographically 26.99% of respondents vote Democrat, 29.6% vote Republican and 43% do not affiliate with any party. The gender breakdown was 57.68% women and 42.32% men. Results were gathered from 80 of the 88 Counties in Ohio. Every age group from 24 year olds to 90 year olds were surveyed.

Answer	Number	Percent	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Veto the Freeze	246	39.4%	35 - 19%	90 - 52.3%	121 - 45%
Do NOT Veto the Freeze	379	60.6%	149 - 81%	82 - 47.7%	148 - 55%
Override the Veto	317	51.7%	126 - 68.5%	65 - 37.8%	126 - 46.8%
Do NOT Override the Veto	308	49.3%	58 - 31.5%	107 - 62.2%	142 - 53.2%


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Governing

Secretaries of state are concerned about not just the federal government's request for voter information but also the information they're not getting about election security breaches.

U.S. appeals court upholds Wisconsin's right-to-work law

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld Wisconsin's law that bars collective bargaining agreements requiring workers to pay union fees.

Five states face budget uncertainty in new fiscal year

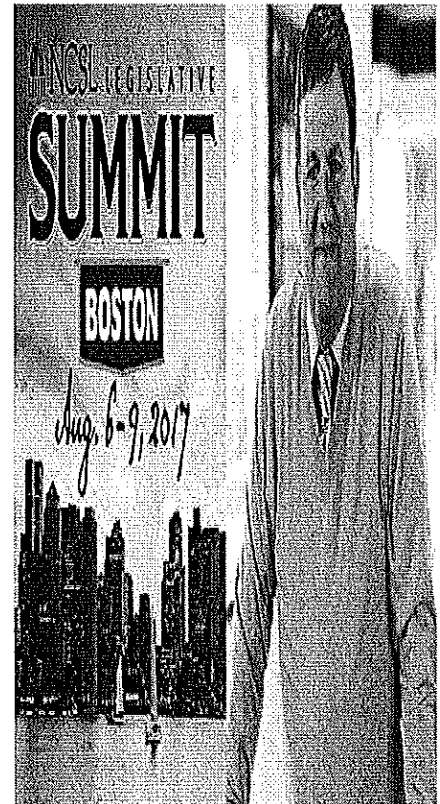
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Connecticut, Wisconsin and Rhode Island's legislatures have not yet passed a budget, while Massachusetts' budget awaits action from state Governor Charlie Baker to either sign or veto it. **NCSL's Erica MacKeller** quoted.

Medical pot industry wants in on soaring pot sales

The Chicago Tribune

Sales of products containing CBD, or cannabidiol, increased 30 percent to \$262 million nationwide last year, according to the Hemp Business Journal. By



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Commentator/pollster Frank Luntz featured speaker at Legislative Summit

Frank Luntz is one of the nation's foremost political commentators and pollsters. Known as the Focus Group Czar, he captures the attitudes of American voters on politics, policies and the direction of the country. He will speak during Tuesday's general session

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2020, the industry trade journal projects that figure to leap to more than \$1 billion, with most of those sales from hemp, not medical marijuana. **NCSL** research cited.

California lawmakers delay climate vote amid push for affordable housing

The Los Angeles Times

While conversations over climate change have dominated recent debate at the Capitol, California lawmakers are accelerating bills to address the state's housing affordability crisis, and may vote on a series of measures before they break for summer recess next Friday.

State lotteries fight 'jackpot fatigue,' casino competition

Stateline

With lottery proceeds flat or declining, and states reluctant to raise taxes to make up the difference, pressure is mounting to keep players playing and money rolling in.

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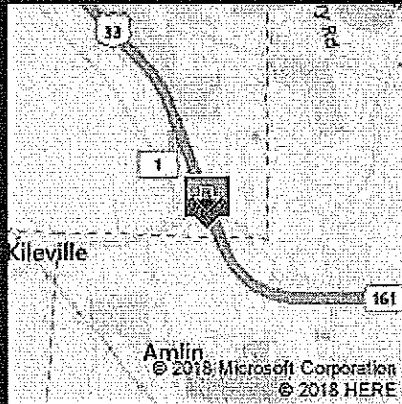
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Subject: FW: Controlling Board Response from 07/10/17 Meeting

Hello,

Below is the additional information requested from DRC during the July 10, 2017 CB meeting.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks

Christine

From: Stanek, Justin
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To: Morrison, Christine
Cc: Goodridge, Teresa
Subject: Controlling Board Response from 07/10/17 Meeting

President Morrison,

I have received the following answer in response to Senator Tavares' question on item #92 from the July 10, 2017 agenda:

"The volume of the labor consultation work needed by DRC exceeds the capacity of DAS OCB in terms of both staffing and available financial resources. Last biennium, DAS OCB contracted with Baker Hostetler, and that contract benefited all agencies covering the negotiation of the state's 5 collective bargaining agreements, as well as other statewide labor consulting services. The contract between DRC and Baker Hostetler is solely for the benefit of DRC."

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Thanks,
Justin

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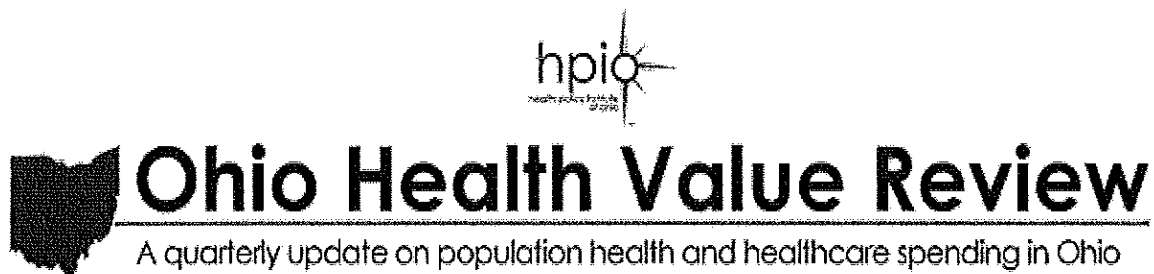
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Welcome to the inaugural edition of Ohio Health Value Review

The Ohio Health Value Review is a quarterly electronic update from the Health Policy Institute of Ohio designed to strengthen connections between public health and healthcare partners in Ohio and highlight opportunities for different sectors to work together to improve health value in our state. If you have questions about the newsletter or have suggested tools or resources you would like to see included in future editions, please **contact Nick Wiselogel**, HPIO's Vice President of Strategic Communications.

State budget a mixed bag for tobacco use reduction

The recently passed state budget provided mixed results for efforts to reduce tobacco use in Ohio, a key factor in the state's low health value. Ohio ranks 46 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia on health value in HPIO's **2017 Health Value**

Dashboard, a composite measure of population health outcomes and healthcare spending.

Gov. John Kasich's original budget proposal called for an increase in the excise tax rate on cigarettes from \$1.60 per pack to \$2.25 per pack. The governor's plan also called for an increase in the tax rate for tobacco products other than cigarettes from 17 percent to 69 percent of wholesale price and levied a 69 percent tax on sale or use of nicotine vapor products beginning in 2018. Those taxes were removed from the House-passed version of the bill and were left out of the Senate budget, so the state's tobacco tax rates remains unchanged. In addition, the Senate added a 50-cent tax cap on premium cigars.

There is a strong body of evidence that increasing the unit price of tobacco products, including increased taxes on cigarettes, is one of the most effective strategies for reducing tobacco use. In fact, according to data from Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, all of the Midwestern states that had significant reductions in adult smoking from 2013 to 2015 -- Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Ohio -- had state and/or local cigarette tax increases between 2012 and 2015.

Although the General Assembly declined to raise the tax rate on tobacco products, they did approve some funding targeted at tobacco use prevention and cessation.

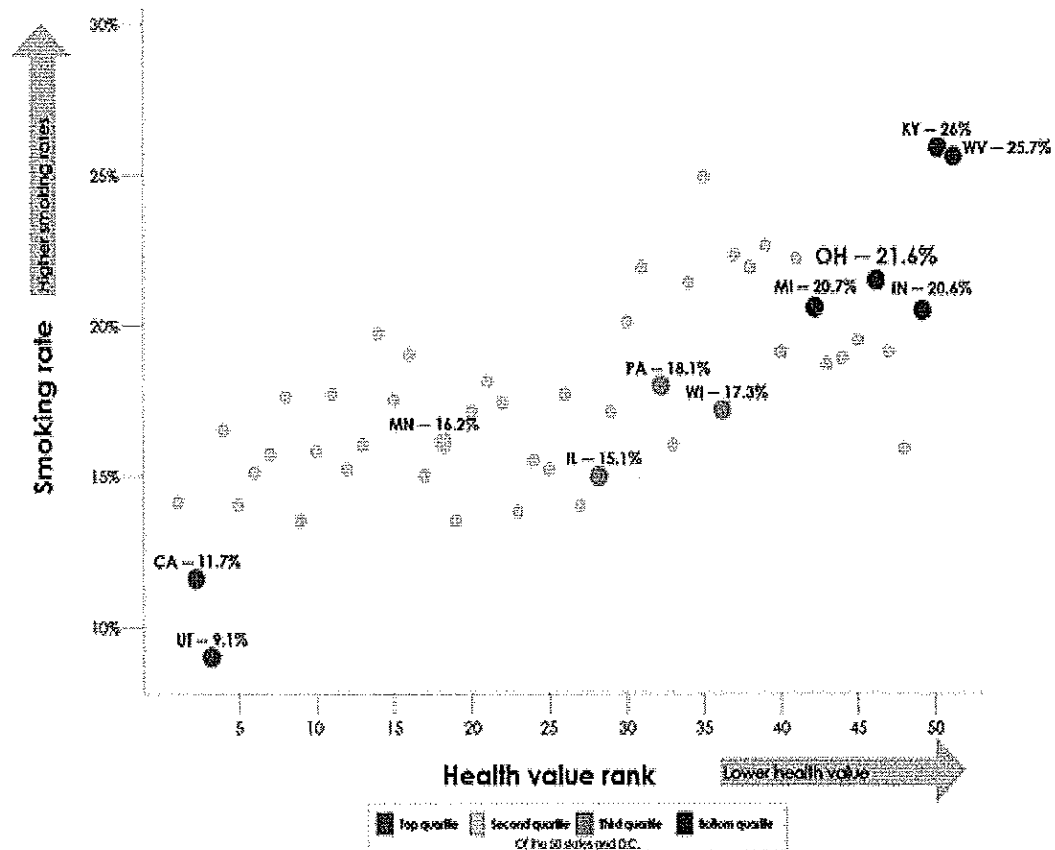
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Health value graphic

As the graphic below shows, states with a lower adult smoking rate are more likely to have a better health value rank, meaning better population health outcomes and lower healthcare spending. The graphic is part of HPIO's publication, "

A Closer Look at Tobacco Use and Health Value."

Correlation between smoking rate and health value rank 2015 adult smoking rate and 2017 health value rank ($r=.70$)



Source: 2017 Health Value Dashboard

Health value tools

Population health and healthcare spending

- [Guide to Improving Health Value](#) -- HPIO resource page
- [America's Health Ranking: 2017 Senior Report](#)
- [Quality-Spending Interactive, June 2017 Update](#) -- Commonwealth Fund

- **Health Expenditures by State of Residence, 1991-2014** -- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Social and economic environment

- **Intersections between Education and Health** -- HPIO resource page
- **Connections between Education and Health** -- HPIO brief
- **Connections between Education and Health No. 2: Health Services in Schools** -- HPIO brief
- **Wallethub 2017's Best & Worst State Economies**
- **Is the American Dream Alive or Dead? It Depends on Where You Look** -- Economic Innovation Group brief

Access to care

- **State policy options in the American Health Care Act** -- HPIO brief
- **Factors Affecting States' Ability to Respond to Federal Medicaid Cuts and Caps: Which States Are Most At Risk?** -- Kaiser Family Foundation
- **Ohio Medicaid resources** -- HPIO resource page
- **Medicaid Expansion Impacts on Insurance Coverage and Access to Care** -- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Healthcare system

- **Using National Data to Examine the Quality of Care in Ohio's Skilled Nursing Facilities** -- Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University
- **Mirror, Mirror 2017: International Comparison Reflects Flaws and Opportunities for Better U.S. Health Care** -- Commonwealth Fund

Public health and prevention

- **A Closer Look at Tobacco Use and Health Value** -- HPIO brief
- **Healthy Communities Initiative Tool** -- Federal Reserve Banks and RWJF

Physical environment

- **U.S. concentrated poverty in the wake of the Great Recession** -- Brookings Institution
- **Urban Blight and Public Health** -- Urban Institute

- **Lead Exposure Linked to School Problems and Crime** -- National Bureau of Economic Research report

Health equity

- **What is Health Equity? And What Difference Does a Definition Make?** -- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Inequality in Life Expectancy Among U.S. Counties, 1980 to 2014** -- A study published in JAMA Internal Medicine
- **Roadmaps to Equity** -- resources from HPIO forum

State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) priority topics

Mental health and addiction

- **State Strategies to Measure and Incentivize Adolescent Depression Screening and Treatment in Medicaid** -- National Academy for State Health Policy brief
- **Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health**

Chronic disease

- **State of American Well-Being: The Face of Diabetes in the United States** - Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index

Maternal and infant health

- **Low Birth Weight And Prematurity In Ohio: A Multivariate Analysis**

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To: Garczyk, Cameron <Cameron.Garczyk@ohiohouse.gov>
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Cameron,

Please find our responses to your questions below in blue.

Thank you,

Bryan

From: Cameron.Garczyk@ohiohouse.gov [mailto:Cameron.Garczyk@ohiohouse.gov]
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Subject: HB 64 Medicaid Questions

Hi Bryan,

Just wanted to follow-up on an email Grace sent you last week regarding a couple of questions on Section 327.20 (Temporary Authority Regarding Employees) language in the last budget HB 64. We haven't yet heard back so I wanted to check in. Could someone from your department provide answers to these questions? I have included the section that we are referring to below. We appreciate your assistance on this matter.

- 1.) "Does that section [327.20 of HB 64] give the director authority to demote an exempt position into a union position without management having to post for promotional for members of the union prior to demotion? If the department is under contract between the Union and Management, does the house bill override the contract or does the contract have to be followed?"

ODM has not reclassified anyone into a bargaining unit position. ODM would coordinate any of these type of reclassifications with the Office of Collective Bargaining with DAS.

- 2.) "Just for clarification, does section 327.20 only pertain to the Department of Medicaid under odjfs or all of odjfs?" (I explained to the individual that ODJFS and dept. of Medicaid are two separate departments now)

This pertained to both Medicaid and ODJFS.

SECTION 327.20. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY REGARDING EMPLOYEES (A) As used in this section, "medical assistance program" has the same meaning as in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code. (B) During the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, all of the following apply: (1) The Medicaid Director has the authority to establish, change, and abolish positions for the Department of Medicaid, and to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees of the Department of Medicaid who are not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. (2) As part of the transfer of medical assistance programs to the Department of Medicaid, the Director of Job and Family Services has the authority to establish, change, and abolish positions for the Department of Job and Family Services, and to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees of the Department of Job and Family Services who are not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. (C) The authority granted under division (B) of this section includes assigning or reassigning an exempt employee, as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, to a bargaining unit classification if the Medicaid Director or Director of Job and Family Services determines that the bargaining unit classification is the proper classification for that employee. The actions of the Medicaid Director or Director of Job and Family Services shall be consistent with the requirements of 5 C.F.R. 900.603 for those employees subject to such requirements. If an employee in the E-1 pay range is to be assigned, reassigned, classified, reclassified, transferred, reduced, or demoted to a position in a lower classification during the period specified in this section, the Medicaid Director or Director of Job and Family Services, or in the case of a transfer outside the Department of Medicaid or Department of Job and Family Services, the Director of Administrative Services, shall assign the employee to the appropriate classification and place the employee in Step X. The employee shall not receive any increase in compensation until the maximum rate of pay for that classification exceeds the employee's compensation. (D) Actions taken by the Medicaid Director, Director of Job and Family Services, and Director of Administrative Services pursuant to this section are not subject to appeal to the State Personnel Board of Review. Am. Sub. H. B. No. 64 131st G.A. 2655

Thanks,

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House Activity for Monday, August 7, 2017

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HB 315 ■ **DAY DESIGNATION** (Arndt, S.) To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day." En. 5.257

HB 316 ■ **PICNIC AREA NAMING** (Arndt, S., Stein, D.) To designate a picnic area in Kelleys Island State Park as the "Henry T. Beatty Memorial Picnic Area." Am. 1546.30

HB 317 ■ **TAX DEDUCTION** (Young, R.) To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for a physician based on the number of hours the physician provides uncompensated medical services through a hospital, free clinic, or nongovernmental medical organization. Am. 5747.01 and to enact section 5747.014

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance: Remove Representative Faber

Finance Subcommittee on State Government and Agency Review: Remove Representative Faber.

Public Utilities: Remove Representative Faber; appoint Representative Stein

Aging and Long Term Care: Appoint Representative Brown.

Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security: Appoint Representative Brown.

Civil Justice: Remove Representative Sykes; appoint Representative Brown.

State and Local Government: Appoint Representative Brown.

Power Siting Board: Remove Representative Hagan; appoint Representative Carfagna

New African Immigrants Commission: Kefa Otiso and Beatrice Miringu

Ohio Public Works Commission: Dean Ringle

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, August 8

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Appeals, ODOT District Three Office, 906 Clark Ave., Ashland, 8:30 a.m.

Third Frontier Commission, Rev1 Ventures, 1275 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m.
House Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia, Netzley Room, Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Event Planner

National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit, Boston
Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Mike and Samantha Hartley residence, 403 South Court Street, Circleville, 6 p.m., (\$1,000 Chair | \$500 Sponsor | \$250 Host | \$100 Supporter | \$75 per Couple | \$50 Individual to Peterson for Good Government and Troy Balderson for State Senator)

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Collective Bargaining Consultant Contract Gets Controlling Board Approval

Controlling Board members on Monday approved a new contract for a Columbus law firm to do consulting work on collective bargaining issues after lawmakers asked about the job and procurement process for the contract.

Without objection, the board approved the \$480,000 contract between the Department of Administrative Services and Baker Hostetler, LLP. The firm will provide labor relations and collective bargaining consulting and negotiation services.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) asked if the state was developing the internal capacity to handle labor issues and contracts without having to pay outside help.

Jennifer Leymaster, chief financial officer for DAS, said negotiations for large contracts often require outside assistance.

"It is customary for us to seek outside consulting services when doing the negotiation for these major contracts, as I believe is customary for organizations of our size," she said.

Kristen Rankin, deputy director for the DAS Office of Collective Bargaining, said the work fluctuates year-to-year as different contracts come up for renewal.

She said the state has been working with Baker Hostetler since 2014 and the firm has a good understanding of the state's labor relations.

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) asked about the increase in the value of the contract this year, up from about \$300,000 last year.

Ms. Rankin said the state is entering negotiations with its largest union this year, meaning there will be more work ahead.

The board also approved several contracts from the treasurer's office after Sen. Tavares asked for the reasoning behind waiving competitive selection.

Deputy Treasurer Seth Metcalf said all of the items were continuations of ongoing projects. In one case, the office did receive another bid, but it was significantly higher than the bid by the existing contract. That project involves custom-built software designed by the current contractor.

"We suspect that the additional bid was very high because the learning curve for a new provider would have been significant," he said.

The board approved a request for more than \$8.3 million over two years from DAS for a contract for postage funds. Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) asked if other firms, such as Stamps.com, might be able to offer the state better rates.

Ms. Leymaster said firms like Stamps.com might not be able to handle the volume of mail the state sends out, but that DAS would look into it.

The board accepted a transfer of \$2.2 million from the Emergency Management Agency into its emergency fund, repaying the final payment of the money used to reimburse states that sent law enforcement to help at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last year. The EMA said it has received reimbursement from Cleveland for all of the 18 states that assisted.

A request for \$605,961 from the Department of Developmental Disabilities to improve the fire alarm system at Cambridge Developmental Center was deferred.

Other items approved by the board included: (Agenda)

- \$534,000 - Central State University - for a library structural repair and modernization project.
- \$3.2 million - Clark State Community College - for renovation of Rhodes Hall.
- \$2.4 million - Columbus State Community College - for the Culinary and Hospitality School building project.
- \$226,275 - Department of Health - to purchase cystic fibrosis test kits.
- \$374,400 - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - for a contract for forensic psychiatric services at Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati.
- \$1.2 million - Department of Developmental Disabilities - to contract with various providers for early intervention hearing services for children.
- \$1.1 million - Department of Natural Resources - for a contract amendment to provide construction administration and material testing at Buckeye Lake Dam.
- \$5.3 million - ODNR - to contract for improvements at a variety of state parks.
- \$749,510 - Department of Rehabilitation and Correction - to replace the roof at the Corrections Training Academy in Orient.
- \$53.6 million - Department of Transportation - for contracts with 52 consulting firms for a variety of services.

- \$212,154 - Bureau of Workers' Compensation - to renew a contract for IT services analyzing business processes.

Seitz Plans To Push For Passage Of Death Penalty Exemption Bill This Fall

The sponsor of a bill to exempt the seriously mentally ill from the death penalty expects the measure to move in the fall.

The legislation (HB 81) would exempt from the death penalty those diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder or delusional disorder at the time a capital offense was committed.



Bill Seitz

"I'm raring and ready to go as soon as we get back to try and move this forward in the House," sponsoring Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said in an interview.

The bill has had three hearings in the House Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. Seitz said he was ready to move the measure prior to lawmakers leaving town for summer vacations, but he was told to hold off.

"We were really ready to go at the end of session back a month ago, but they wanted to keep controversial things off the radar screen as we focused all of our attention on the conference committee process and budget overrides and things like that," he said.

Chairman Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) expressed uncertainty about the fate of the bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2017)

But Rep. Seitz said he is confident about the bill's prospects in the upper chamber.

"All I can tell Senator Bacon is that when I had the bill the last time in that chamber, there were 31 of 33 senators ready to vote for it. Maybe he hasn't started counting noses yet," he said, adding that the two opponents of the last version of the bill are now serving in the House.

The bill has run into stiff opposition from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Executive Director John Murphy has said that current law already provides those suffering from mental illness with the opportunity to be deemed incompetent to stand trial or mount a not guilty by reasons of insanity defense. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 6, 2017)

Despite the opposition, Rep. Seitz does not believe the OPAA will be able to sink the bill.

"It's got an awful lot of support and the only people that have come out against it are the prosecutors and their reasoning doesn't satisfy me," he said. "They were opposed to it the last time on the same basis."

Given the state's recent resumption of the death penalty, Rep. Seitz believes the bill will gain even more traction. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 26, 2017)

"I think with all the recent furor over the resumption of executions in Ohio people ought to at least recognize this for progress in terms of narrowing the range of cases in which the death penalty may be imposed," he said.

The legislation is based off of one of several recommendations made by the Ohio Supreme Court's Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty.

"The bottom line is this was a central recommendation of the death penalty task force," Rep. Seitz said.

Supporters Hope Palliative Care Measure Gains Traction After Recess

Legislation first offered last year and introduced again in June intends to increase awareness and access to palliative care for patients with serious health conditions.

The bill (HB 286), sponsored by Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls), would establish a state council to oversee palliative care and create programs to raise awareness and utilization of the approach.



Rep. LaTourette

It's a personal issue for the sponsor. Her father, former U.S. Rep. Steve LaTourette, received palliative care before his death last year from pancreatic cancer. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 7, 2017)

"I saw the dramatic difference that access to early palliative care had on his life and our lives," Rep. LaTourette said in an interview. "I want everybody in the state to be aware that palliative care is not just hospice care."

Rep. LaTourette first introduced the measure (HB603, 131st General Assembly) toward the end of the last General Assembly. It received a hearing before the House Health and Aging Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 26, 2016)

The new version of the bill retains almost all of that proposal's components but does not include provisions that would levy fees or fines on hospitals that don't comply, she said. That has eased some concerns from industry groups, she said.

The move toward expanding the reach of palliative care is a priority for advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, who included the practice on their annual report card for state cancer policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2017)

Jeff Stephens, ACS CAN's state government relations director for Ohio, said the group is also working on similar legislation at the federal level.

"It's a form of treatment that's been proven to increase health outcomes at a reduced overall health care cost. It works," he said.

The bill would create an interdisciplinary advisory council at the Department of Health and create a set of criteria to identify patients who are best suited to the care approach.

"We do a pretty OK job of offering it in Ohio but we need to build the pipeline of professionals who are coming into to this treatment and we need to educate patients about what palliative care is," he said.

Mr. Stephens said it's important for providers to consider how different palliative care can look in different parts of the state. While it typically includes the treating doctor, a pharmacist, social workers, spiritual leaders and others who surround the patient with support, that team could look different in rural areas than it would in cities with access to wide varieties of professionals.

"We're all very hopeful there's going to be movement on that this fall," he said.

The proposal hasn't yet been assigned to a committee, but Rep. LaTourette said it will probably go through the House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.

"My hope is that shortly after we come back for the fall that we start moving quickly," she said.

Long-Awaited Federal Study To Protect Great Lakes From Asian Carp Released

A long-delayed federal plan to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes was released Monday after months of prodding from congressional delegates in Ohio and other states.

The report from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spells out \$275 million in proposals to upgrade the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois in order to shield the lakes from the invasive species.

Ideas in the report include electric barriers, flushing locks, water jets, and complex noise generation. If approved, the project has an estimated completion date of 2025, according to the report. Critics have argued the plan could impede commercial traffic in the region.

The 488-page report was originally slated for release in February, but was delayed by the Trump Administration. Democrats have contended that the decision to delay the report was political in nature. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 1, 2017)

"It is encouraging to see that the U.S. Army Corps' recommendations include serious measures to deal with this invasive species," U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) said in a statement. "Now that we have real information on costs we can move on and receive input from stakeholders, whose livelihoods depend on us keeping the Asian carp out of the Lakes."

Both she and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) earlier this year introduced standalone legislation that would have forced the Trump Administration to make the study public. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 23, 2017)

"We are now one step closer to taking action to protect our Great Lakes from Asian carp," Sen. Brown said, "and I look forward to working with Sen. Portman and my other Great Lakes colleagues to turn this report into concrete actions that will benefit our Lakes."

The discovery of an Asian carp in June just nine miles from Lake Michigan added new urgency to the matter. It also prompted state officials to enter the fray, with Attorney General Mike DeWine writing late last month to the Department of the Army and saying the delay "in the face of this immediate threat is unacceptable." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 30, 2017)

There will now be a 45-day public review period for the draft report, ending Sept. 21. Comments will be accepted online, by letter and at public meetings yet to be scheduled.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) said the lakes and the local economies they support must be protected.

"The Great Lakes support a \$7 billion fishing industry and Lake Erie contributes more than \$10 billion to Ohio's tourism industry, both of which would be jeopardized if Asian Carp were allowed into the Great Lakes," he said. "It is important that the Corps remain on schedule to finalize the plan by January of 2019, and I look forward to working with stakeholders and the Corps to do just that."

Environmental groups praised the release, with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and several other groups issuing a joint statement.

"We look forward to reviewing the findings in detail and to continuing the conversation on this critical issue with elected officials and concerned citizens during the public comment period," the groups said. "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must listen carefully to public input on the study and then move quickly from study to implementation of additional protection measures at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, a logical choke point in the system."

The Ohio Conservation Federation and its counterparts from Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin issued a similar joint statement.

"After months of unnecessary delay, we are excited that the potential options for improving defenses against Asian carp at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam will see the light of day," they said. "There is still much work yet to be done in this process. We look forward to working towards securing stronger protections to keep Asian carp out of our Great Lakes."

Environmental Groups Question Rover Excuses For Fuel In Wetland Spills

The company behind the Rover Pipeline project told federal regulators it believes it's possible traces of diesel fuel found in wetland spills earlier this year were planted by "malicious" opponents.

But environmental groups say the company is attempting to divert attention from Rover's actions and that increased security around the spill sites - by both the company and state regulators who were investigating the spills - renders the idea of sabotage "farfetched."

It's the latest back and forth between Rover Pipeline LLC, its parent Energy Transfer Partners, and advocates urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to halt construction of the 700-mile pipeline that has been at the center of controversy for months.

In its most recent filing (PDF) before FERC, the company for the first time agreed with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's assessment that diesel fuel was present in millions of gallons of drilling mud spilled into Ohio wetlands at several sites earlier this year. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 2, 2017)

But Rover stopped short of accepting the blame, saying it "has no evidence that the diesel was the result of a spill or failed containment" experienced during its horizontal drilling and construction activity.

"This data alone, however, does not demonstrate that diesel fluid (or other petroleum hydrocarbons) entered the slurry as part of the HDD process or that there was a widespread impact," the company wrote.

"Rover theorizes that these diesel concentrations could have been caused by an inadvertent and unreported spill or leak from equipment operating during the clean-

up...or it could have been the deliberate or malicious act of individuals opposed to the project," the company continued. "Given the extensive inspection and oversight at this and other sites along the project, it is difficult to imagine that this occurred from an unreported spill or leak."

Cheryl Johncox of the Sierra Club's Beyond Dirty Fuels Campaign rejected that claim. She said in an interview that OEPA testing revealed fuel traces at several different sites.

"It's very unlikely somebody trying to sabotage the project would know where those sampling locations were," she said. "The other thing of note is this occurred on private property...(and) they were very actively patrolling that spill site and keeping people off. It's very unlikely somebody was able to access that area in order to sabotage the project."

Heather Taylor-Miesle, executive director of the Ohio Environmental Council, said the company's claims are the latest demonstration of the company's "lack of respect for Ohioans and our environment."

"Claiming they were sabotaged or framed without any evidence whatsoever is merely another attempt for Rover to deflect blame and avoid owning up to the consequences of their actions," she said. "We are taught in kindergarten to clean up after ourselves, and Rover should remember this important childhood lesson."

Regardless of how the fuel entered the slurry, the company said it is "deeply troubled by any of these potential scenarios and has taken steps to address these possible sources."

Those steps include reiterating to employees and contractors that all construction must adhere to the FERC certificate and other spill prevention and response procedures. Additionally, it will remind workers that secondary containment must be used for equipment working in or near wetlands and bodies of water and prompt notification is required for spills of hazardous materials.

In the event an outside agent introduced fuel to the situation, the company said it has increased security to oversee the Tuscarawas site and has "increased scrutiny of all personnel entering and leaving all HDD sites."

The filing comes one week after Kelcy Warren, CEO of Energy Transfer Partners, which is Rover's parent company, told federal lawmakers he was "baffled" by criticism of the company and allegations of rule violations from regulators and congressional Democrats following the spills.

Tavares Bill Aimed At Gender Pay Gap; Schiavoni Targets Charter Overpayments; Renacci, Pillich Announce Endorsements...

Equal pay and charter school funding are the subjects of hot-button measures recently introduced by two Democratic lawmakers.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) is behind legislation (SB-174) she dubbed the "Fair and Acceptable Income Required Act."

"It is shameful that in this day and age women in Ohio make only 78 cents for every dollar made by a man. Without question, equal work deserves equal pay," she said in a release announcing the bill. "At a time when women are increasingly responsible for the economic security of their families, it is absolutely critical to ensure that they earn a wage commensurate with their work - and on par with a man's."

The bill would require employers to substantiate pay differences, prohibit retaliation against workers who discuss salaries with colleagues and bar wage discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"While the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 improved some laws that govern pay discrimination, more must be done to close the wage gap and increase the economic security of women," Sen. Tavares said. "Fair pay would help close the wage gap and increase women's economic security."

Charter Overpayments: A gubernatorial candidate meanwhile is touting a measure to require all money recovered from overpayments to charter schools to be returned to district from which it was deducted. It comes on the heels of the state's plans to claw back funding from the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow over inflated enrollment data.

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said his legislation is expected to be introduced this week.

"Ohio schools are struggling to manage after several years of cuts to their funding. It's only right that the state should return all money taken from these schools in error," he said. "This bill is simple: it creates a uniform rule that all money overpaid to charter schools is sent back to the affected school districts."

Endorsements Announced: Other gubernatorial candidates continue to rack up endorsements.

U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Alliance) announced the backing of Julie Prince in his bid to replace Gov. John Kasich. She directed Ohio operations and grassroots for Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign.

"In the 2018 gubernatorial race, there is one clear choice for conservatives across Ohio, and that choice is Jim Renacci. Time and again Jim has demonstrated his unyielding commitment to the conservative reforms we need, but which entrenched Columbus insiders have failed to deliver," she said. "Jim is not afraid to take on the establishment or the career politicians who continue to pay lip service to conservatism while perpetuating the status quo."

Added Rep. Renacci: "In her position as the Grassroots and Operations Director for Ted Cruz's presidential campaign in Ohio, Julie played an instrumental role in advancing the

causes of conservatism and liberty - not just for our state, but for our nation as a whole. I am proud to serve as a voice for conservatives across Ohio in this critically important election, and I am committed to delivering the conservative agenda and reforms we so badly need as our state's next governor."

Meanwhile, former Rep. Connie Pillich announced that she has the support of the Cincinnati Building Trades in her Democratic primary contest.

"Connie Pillich is the proven fighter we need as our next governor. Born in the shadow of a steel mill, Connie knows what we face every day," Cincinnati Building Trades Executive Secretary Fred Lampe said. "She has an unrivaled record of standing up for working families, higher wages, and working to create good jobs. Connie has proven herself as the Democratic frontrunner in the race for governor and the Cincinnati Building Trades is proud to have her back."

Added Ms. Pillich: "I'm proud to be endorsed by the Cincinnati Building Trades because I'll never stop fighting for working families, good jobs, and better wages for workers. With the wind at our backs, our people-powered campaign is building more momentum everyday as we work to take Columbus back from the special interests."

Husted Appointment: Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the appointment of Marcella R. Bogenrife to the Madison County Board of Elections.

She was recommended for the post by the Madison County Republican Party Executive Committee.

Casino, Racino Revenue Up Big In July

The state's four casinos showed significant gains in revenue last month compared to June, and the racinos also saw a big uptick in what they took home.

The casinos brought in \$69.9 million in July, up from \$64.1 million the prior month and from \$66.1 million in July 2016, according to revenue reports released Monday by the Casino Control Commission.

Video lottery terminal revenue at the seven racinos totaled \$84.5 million for the first month of the fiscal year, up nearly \$6.5 million from where it was in June, the Ohio Lottery Commission reported.

Hollywood Columbus brought in the most money among casinos at \$18.9 million. That was up from \$17.7 million in June and just a bit above the \$18.6 million it brought in the previous July. The casino was highly dependent on slot machine revenue, with that accounting for \$13.5 million.

Hollywood Toledo also saw a big boost, rising to \$17.6 million from \$16.1 million the prior month. It was up more than \$1 million from \$16.5 million in July 2016. Like its sister

casino in Columbus, the Toledo location leaned heavily on slot machines, to the tune of \$14.8 million.

JACK Cleveland raked in \$16.9 million, up from \$15 million in June and \$15.5 million the previous July. The casino was the most balanced between slots and table games, with slots accounting for \$9.1 million and table games \$7.7 million.

JACK Cincinnati brought in \$16.7 million, up from \$15.4 million both in June and in July 2016. Slot machines accounted for \$10.7 million of the casino's take.

Racinos: Among the state's racinos, Hard Rock Racino-Northfield Park saw the largest gain from June to July, up \$2.7 million to \$22.3 million in revenue from VLT machines.

Scioto Downs was the second-biggest gainer, up \$1.25 million to \$14.25 million in July.

Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway was up \$643,130 to \$8.3 million, while JACK Thistledown was up \$605,814 to \$10.1 million.

Belterra Park's revenue was up \$529,680 over June's at \$7.4 million. Revenue at Miami Valley Gaming was up \$428,657 to \$12.4 million, and Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course gained \$300,155 to \$9.8 million.

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

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Supplemental Agency Calendar

Wednesday, August 9

State Emergency Response Commission, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, 1:15 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Monday, August 21

OHROC Lake Erie Boat Cruise and Reception with Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), Rep. Steve Arndt (R-Port Clinton), and Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Fremont), Catawba Island Club, 4235 E. Beach Club Road, Port Clinton, 5:30 p.m., (5:30pm Arrive at Catawba Island Club; 6:00pm Depart on Burger Yacht "Gemini"; 8:00pm Reception. Sponsor: \$5,000; Host: \$2,500; Patron: \$1,000; Guest: \$500 to OHROC)

Sunday, August 27

Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) shooting fundraiser, Nagle Trucking, 4520 Moline-Martin Road, Walbridge, 1:30 p.m., (Expert: \$250; Sharpshooter: \$100 to Citizens for Gavarone)
Wednesday, September 13

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) fundraiser, Little Palace, 240 S. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Romanchuk for State Rep)
Friday, September 15

Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Tamarac Golf Course, 500 N. Stevick Road, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,000; Tee Sponsor: \$500; Foursome: \$400; Green Sponsor: \$350; Lunch Sponsor: \$250; Individual Golfer: \$125 to Cupp for State Representative Committee)
Wednesday, October 11

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Committee to Elect Cliff Rosenberger)
Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)
Wednesday, November 29

Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to OHROC)

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Senate Activity for Monday, August 7, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 175 ■ **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Schiavoni, J.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. Am. 3314.52

SB 176 ■ **MUNICIPAL TAXES (Jordan, K.)** To prohibit municipal corporations from levying an income tax on nonresidents' compensation for personal services or on net profits from a sole proprietorship owned by a nonresident. Am. 709.023, 718.01, 718.02, 718.03, 718.04, 718.05, and 718.16 and to repeal sections 718.011 and 718.50

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation: Appoint Senator Joe Uecker and Senator Sean O'Brien

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